

In re application of: Gabriel Hamman ADAM et al.

Serial No.: 10/037,451

Filed: 20 December 2001

For: COMPOSITE FLUID DISTRIBUTION AND FLUID RETENTION LAYER HAVING SELECTIVE MATERIAL DEPOSITION ZONES FOR PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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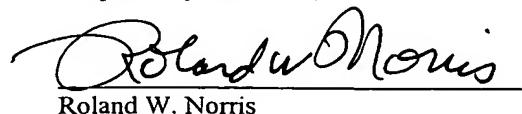
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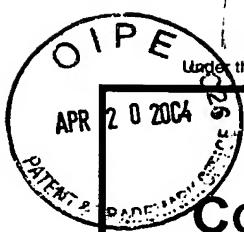
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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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First Named Inventor	Gabriel Hamman ADAM et al.
Group Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	E. Cole
Attorney Docket Number	15,872

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declarations
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form PTO-1449 (1 page)
- Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other Form PTO-1083 (in duplicate)

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other any deficiency in the enclosed fee

b. Check in the amount of \$1,114.00 enclosed (\$770.00 Filing Fee; \$344.00 extra claims)

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated 03 February 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination and a Fourth Information Disclosure Statement are concurrently submitted herewith.

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